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Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu's silver at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics gives the nation much-needed solace during times of strife

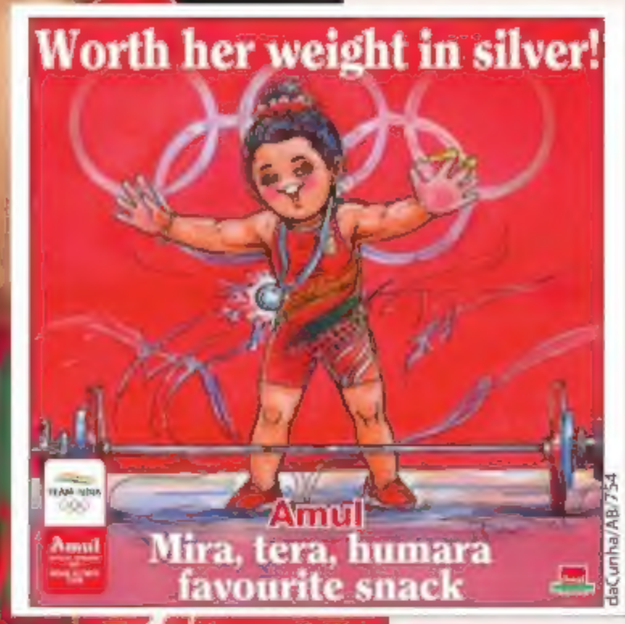
MIRA-CLE LADY

It was my dream to win an Olympic medal and it came true today. The dream was same in 2016 Olympics but it was not my day in Rio. I learnt a lot from that failure. I changed my training and technique. I decided to work harder and achieve what I missed out on in Rio. I am happy we managed
Mirabai Chanu, silver medalist

MIRABAI'S SIX LIFTS (IN KGs)

SNATCH
✓84 ✓87 ✗89

CLEAN & JERK
✓110 ✓115 ✗117



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AT around 12 noon on Saturday, the village of Kakching rejoiced. One of their supremely talented daughters had given India a literal and metaphorical lift at the Tokyo International Forum. She lifted a combined 202kg (more than four times her bodyweight) to win a silver in the 49kg division. It opened India's account on Day 1 of the Games. More importantly, the silver could mean so much to her people and the state of Manipur, a tiny speck in India's Northeast.

Growing up in Manipur, life was never easy for the 26-year-old, who had lifted firewood from a forest near her village, a testimony to the hardships the family had to endure to make a living. Her mother, Tombi Devi, recalls the time her daughter would volunteer to carry the heaviest of bundles even as a child. Introduction to iron and barbells seemed a natural progress.

When she medalled, her parents and extended family were glued to the TV set. Myriad memories flashed by, struggles quietly buried in the euphoria of celebration. Her choice of pursuing weightlifting instead of archery as a child was justified.

Someone who has seen that struggle up close is Kunjarani Devi, a lifter with multiple world championship medals. She had also coached Mirabai during the latter's formative years. "When we go to the platform to lift, we are lifting for our country India and it's a medal for India," she says. Sport is a way of life for Manipuris. "What else do we have? We don't have too many avenues of employment. We don't have big industries. So sports is something that helps us find a job and lead a good life. Even for me, sports has given me the job," said Kunjarani, whose story inspired Mirabai to choose weightlifting over archery.

Mirabai's medal in times of Covid has brought the entire country together. And she will witness that first hand when she visits her village. "I have just been home for five days in the past five years. Now I will go with this medal. I will now go home and eat food made by my mother. I had a chat with her for two minutes. She told me everyone in my village is very happy. I will meet all of them when I go to my village." P15,16

MORE COVERAGE: Starting tonight, back page will be the second Sport page till the Olympics is on. Xplore will be back after the Games. - Editor

Blinken to raise human rights issue during India visit

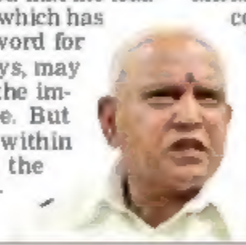
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE US on Saturday said issues facing democracy and human rights would be raised during wide-ranging discussions its Secretary of State Antony Blinken would have with Indian leaders during his scheduled New Delhi visit on July 27. Blinken is slated to meet PM Narendra Modi, and later hold discussions with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on various issues. P12

No clear message yet on BSY

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THERE was no clear message from the BJP central leadership even on Saturday, just two days ahead of BS Yediyurappa's government completing two years in office, though some party seniors indicated that the leadership change, which has been the buzzword for the last few days, may not happen in the immediate future. But other sections within the party said the BJP high command could take a decision on Sunday.



Yediyurappa, however, seemed to have resigned his fate to the party decision, saying earlier that he is expecting a message from the high command by this weekend and he would abide by it. But on Monday, he is going ahead with the celebration of completion of two years of his government. An event has been organised at Vidhana Soudha to mark the milestone, where a booklet will be released listing the achievements of his government.

Party sources said that though central leaders seemed keen on leadership change, they are yet to decide on Yediyurappa's successor. Also, they may not take the "risk" of changing the chief minister at a time when thousands of people are displaced by floods. "It may not happen anytime soon," the sources said. The entire administrative machinery has been pressed into action to assist people affected by floods, while the chief minister is rushing to take stock of the situation in Belagavi, which is one of the worst-affected districts in the State. P4

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Prices of med devices drop 90 pc as govt fixes cap

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

FOLLOWING a decision by the Centre to fix trade margins of five categories of medical devices — digital thermometers, glucometers, blood pressure measurement devices, oximeters and nebulizers — 91 per cent brands of these devices have reduced prices by up to 88 per cent.

The trade margins, set by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority under the Union Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers, have come into effect from July 20.

The government on Saturday said downward revision of MRP has been reported by imported and domestic brands across categories.

There are 684 brands of these five categories of medical devices. Of these, 620 have reduced prices. P12

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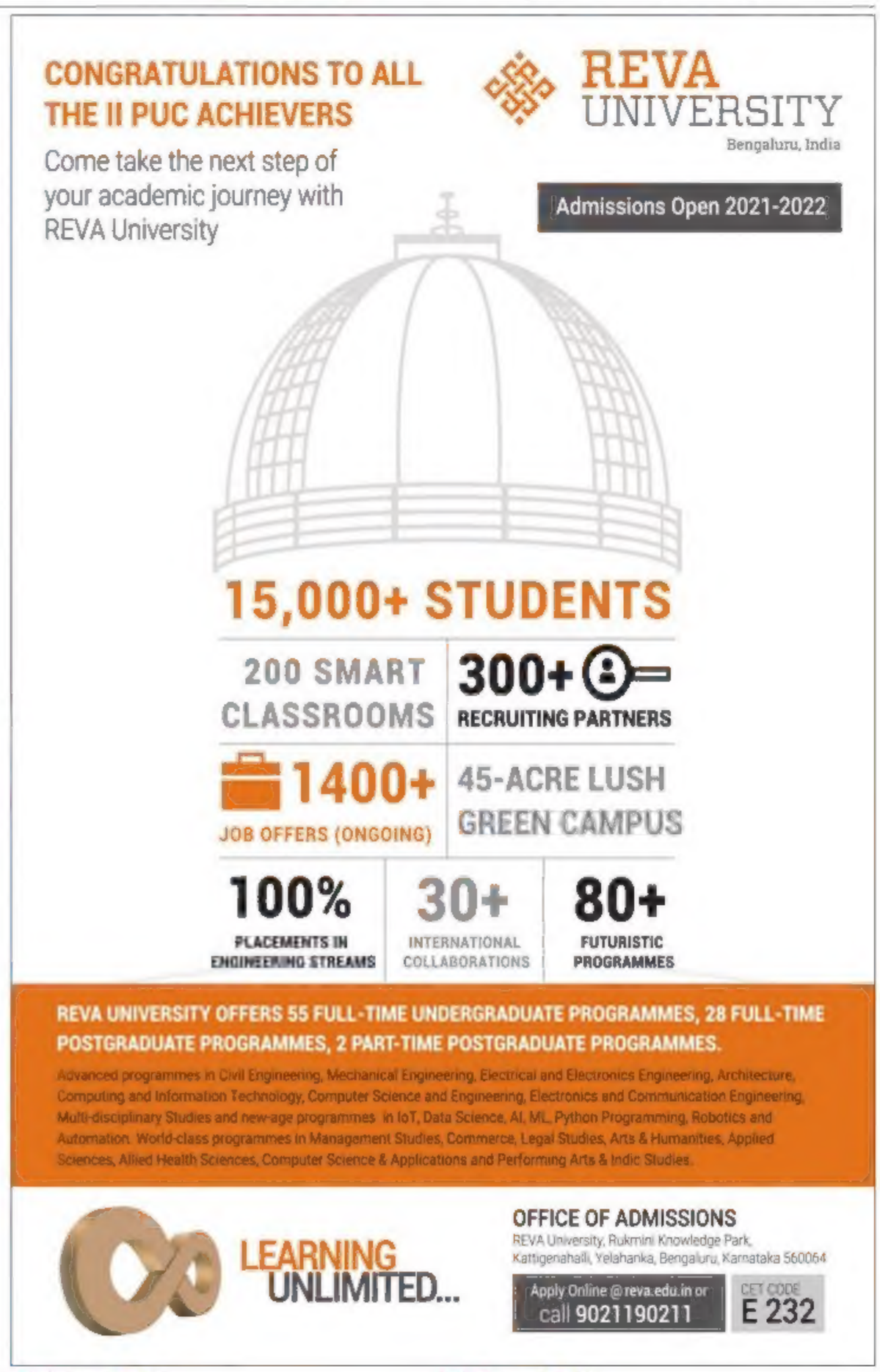
CHAIRMAN: Kasturba Gandhi Kendra Trust(R)
(Guinness Book of World Records Holder)
Govindaraja Arts College Walker Assn, Tirupati.
PCR GROUP OF COMPANIES - TIRUPATI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